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## SIPHONING NITRATES WITH IRRIGATED PASTURE

Limit: Maximum 160 acres

Cost Share: 65% Actual Costs on Grass Seeding

Contract: 5-year Term

Eligible: Cropland Converted to Irrigated Pasture or Alfalfa within Bazile GMA (Creighton and Cleveland Township).

Payment: \$100 per acre per year on grass

(only the 1<sup>st</sup> year and 5<sup>th</sup> years with alfalfa)

Sign Up: August 1 to February 1 Work to be done before May 1,

Form: LCNRD #100 via NRCS Office on Cost Share – Request for Assistance on Annual Payment

The purpose of the program is to encourage irrigated, alfalfa or pasture management in previous cropland to reduce nitrate-nitrogen concentrations in the soil and water. Concern about improper application of fertilizer or pesticides justifies the need to provide a means to reduce water quality contamination and utilize contaminated groundwater. Cooperators are asked to line up conversion seeding and on-site inspection to coordinate management of grass harvesting by livestock or haying. They will need to meet with NRCS to discuss options available and recommendations in order to qualify for payment.

## Eligible Components include:

Alfalfa seeding for 5 year term or

Grass Seeding and Planned Grazing Components as specified by NRCS.

## Verification

Seeding receipt copies required for payment. No fertilization shall be allowed.



Groundwater Management Area